

May 29, 2003

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Docket No. MB-02-235

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing in regards to the Commission's review of the proposed merger between Univision Communications Inc. and Hispanic Broadcasting Corporation (HBC). As a member of the Latino community, I am confident that this merger will create a media organization better poised to serve our community.

The combined efforts of Univision and HBC would be a significant opportunity for Latinos in the media and for the Latino community. The merger will promote growth of Hispanic radio and television job opportunities for Latinos. New capital investments will be attracted to Hispanic media resulting in increased competition and greater management and ownership opportunities for Latinos. Lastly, the combined Univision and HBC resources will provide enhanced services to the Latino community.

Continued growth of the radio and television businesses of Univision and HBC will mean growth in media opportunities for Latinos. I am aware that more than 80% of the work force is Hispanic and that is expected to continue after the proposed merger. The growth of Univision and its policies of training and promoting Latinos have created a significant base of Latinos who now have the expertise to own and operate a broadcast station or network. New capital investments will be attracted to Hispanic media resulting in increased competition and greater management and ownership opportunities for Latinos.

Lastly, the combined Univision and HBC resources will provide enhanced services to the Latino community. I have personally worked with the local Univision WLTV/23 through our mentoring program where they serve as committed mentors to Latino youths who are at-risk of dropping out of school. Their commitment to education and our community is quite admirable and deeply appreciated. They also are committed to promoting community programs and raising awareness of community issues through their programming, public service announcements, and informative website.

I ask that this proposed transaction receive all positive consideration. On another note, I disagree with suggestions that this industry be segregated from other media. Over the past two decades, Spanish language media has grown by competing with English-language media and isolating this industry would be a huge step backwards.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Mejia
Executive Director